

Trust Firm, Food Chain, Bank, Coming to Town

Fifteen thousand new residents and property developments of 75 million dollars was projected for Georgetown last week by Bruce McLaughlin, president of Metropolitan Halton Development Company.

The firm which has purchased the majority of Rex Hoelop's Delrex Development holdings in Georgetown, hosted a gathering of Halton and Peel officials at a reception at Chinguacousy Country Club on Thursday.

In his speech, which followed a buffet dinner, Mr. McLaughlin dealt with the future development of both counties, and stressed that they should remain an entity rather than being swallowed in an enlarging Metro Toronto. The company has been operating in Peel for several years and is currently developing Burnhamdale Woods and Burnhamdale Terraces, a 140-acre industrial, residential, commercial subdivision in the Bloor and Dixie Road area.

Termining Georgetown the "Hinge" of the southern Ontario

Population of 27,000 Developer's Prediction

Megopolis," he cited the town's newest industries, General Fireproofing and Essex Cabinetmakers as leading the way to an expected industrial increase.

"Border Brokers Limited will soon open an office in Georgetown in order to better serve existing and future industry with respect to their customs needs," he said. "We are going

to have another major food store, a trust company and another branch bank."

Mr. McLaughlin said he expected Mayor Gibbons will shortly be able to announce the addition of several other industries. Negotiations are well advanced he said, with a manufacturer of home components, a chemical company, and an electrical manufacturer and distributor.

He stressed that his development group is not a transient.

"We will be heavily engaged in leasing commercial and industrial properties on a permanent basis," he said.

He dealt with regional government and the necessity for larger government units in areas where common interests are interrelated.

He warned that if conflicting briefs are presented to the Pinckney Commission, another Metro Toronto situation could arise where regional government would be imposed by a higher authority.

"I suggest that through unity of purpose, Peel and Halton can meet the problems they face and avoid becoming a dormitory for other metro areas."

Specifically, Mr. McLaughlin proposes a Metropolitan Peel area with North Halton and Oakville joining this twenty years later. This would be one of four metro areas between Oshawa and Hamilton. He predicts over double the present 230,000 population by 1980, and one and a quarter million residents 35 years from now.

The southern Ontario Megopolis has resources, particularly fresh water, which ensure it becoming one of the world's greatest urbanized areas, he said. Credit resident, he practices law while the Niagara area should

have controlled land use as the fruit basket for the entire province.

He urged civic leaders in Halton and Peel not to drift into the future, but to unite in a common goal, rather than be taken over by another area. Mr. McLaughlin was introduced by his law partner, Donald Fraser, as a graduate of Parkdale Collegiate who, after army service, returned to school twelve years later and graduated as a lawyer in 1962. A Port Credit resident, he practices law in Cooksville.

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Smith Blasts The Budget 'Makes Town Stand Still'

Others Criticize, But Vote To Hold Tax Line

A financial budget, pared to maintain Georgetown's tax rate at 75.46 mills for a third year, drew majority, if unenthusiastic support from councillors on Monday.

Severest critic was Cr. Bill Smith who said he could not condone a budget "which is going to make the town stand still".

He termed it political manipulation to ensure re-election of some members of council.

And he pointed to a number of things which would be impossible this year — a garage

for town equipment, an extra three policemen, continuation of a program of storm sewer installations and additional recreation expenditures.

While admitting that the budget is tighter than he would like to see, finance chairman Ern Hyde termed it a good one which could end the year with balanced books if every department head cooperates.

Requisitions from appointed boards have had to be cut, he said, as well as every department within council's control. Council faces a \$22,000 increase in public school and \$21,000 in high school costs, an increase of \$25,000 in the police budget and an \$18,000 deficit from last

year (from purchase of industrial land from Delex).

"Is this really what the people want?" asked Cr. Smith.

"We can't play Santa at the expense of many of our residents who must live on fixed incomes," said Cr. Harrison. "I don't like this budget either but I realize we have to hold the line and set a rate which people can afford to pay."

"Maybe there was some political manipulation last year too when you ended the year with an \$18,000 deficit," Cr. Hyde told Cr. Smith.

Cr. Hyde said he is not worried about dropping extra policemen, for the town is equal or better in manpower to six neighbouring towns.

Police chairman Young said he would try to get along with a reduced staff, but pointed to the difficulty when a majority of

police are away a day or two a week in court. He expressed doubt that a police building could be built this year, as the town faces debentures for a water tower and iron removal system.

"With costs increasing and revenue the same I can't see how we can end this year with

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Tight Budget, No Frills Hold Mill Rate at 75.46

Pipes Skirl, Haggis Toasted As Scottish Poet Honoured

With the skirl of the bagpipes echoing around the room, the Lorne Scots, the Legion members and their guests, celebrated the birthday of the great Scottish poet, with "Robbie Burns" night, last Friday in the Legion Hall.

A hundred and seventy guests watched two Lorne Scots pipers pipe in the traditional haggis, which was addressed by Sergeant Hamish Hay, of the Lorne Scots.

"The Immortal Memory to the Immortal Bard" was delivered by Rev. Kelvin Johnston, who briefly sketched the life of the "Ploughboy Poet," from his poverty-stricken beginning, Jan. 25th, 1759, to the height of his fame, when he was feted by aristocrats and high society.

He likened him to the writer of the Psalms, who spoke for the Hebrew people, since Burns a Scottish nationalist, spoke for

the Scottish people. Similarly, he compared him to Dickens, a writer who used his talent to draw attention to the social injustices of the time.

Zone Commander Dave Capperauld toasted the "lassies," while Mrs. Doug Westlake responded with a toast to the ladies.

In keeping with the theme, Jimmie Meekison sang Scottish ballads, accompanied by Rev. Kelvin Johnston on the piano. Two young dancers, Miss Ann Ness and Master Kirk Brush, in complete highland regalia, performed some of the traditional dances.

Jim Meekison also led the audiences in a number of popular Scots' songs.

After the meal prepared and served by the Legion auxiliary members, there was modern dancing and a number of Scots' dances such as Strip the Willow Dashing White Sergeant, and Reels.

The Flowertown Five played the modern dances, while the pipes and drums of the Lorne Scots Band accompanied the highland dances.

Guests in attendance included Col. J.R. Barber, Lt. Col. Bob Hardie & Mrs. Hardie, RSM Ken Murray and Mrs. Murray, Provincial vice president and Mrs. Doug MacDonald, and District Commander and Mrs. Al. Haley.

Next Year Look For Drop: Mayor

A hold-the-line policy will give Georgetown taxpayers the same tax rate of 75.46 residential and 79.77 industrial for the third straight year.

The 1966 budget received council approval Monday, with one dissenting vote.

"A tight budget with nothing for contingencies. One which we will have to stick to rigidly," said finance chairman Ern Hyde as he presented it.

Complimenting Mr. Hyde, Mayor Gibbons said he anticipates that next year taxes can be lowered.

"We're on the threshold of development and everything points to a downward tax trend," he stated.

Voting against the budget, Cr. Bill Smith termed it "nothing more than a political manipulation to ensure re-election of some members of council."

Other councillors, while expressing doubt that the budget would work without a year-end deficit, declined to oppose it in the vote.

The rate is arrived at like this:

	Budget	Res'd. Mill Rate	Ind.-Comm. Mill Rate
General	\$546,698	\$30.41	\$33.85
County	92,000	5.72	
Public School	333,401	21.69	24.10
High School	293,000	17.64	19.60
	\$1,263,099	75.46	\$83.27

Total assessment is \$16,102,078 and of this \$14,906,889 is taxable for public school purposes and \$1,195,189 for Rpm Catholic separate school.

The separate school tax rate is 26.00 residential and 28.00 industrial and commercial. Total tax rate here is 79.77 and 87.17 mills, roughly four mills higher.

The early budget means that first payment of taxes comes due March 28th, almost two months earlier than last year.

Terms Georgetown "The Hinge Pin" in Forecast Megopolis

Georgetown Mayor Joseph Gibbons and Bruce McLaughlin, president of the Metropolitan Halton Development Company shake hands while Halton MPP George Kerr looks on during a reception for Halton and Peel community officials in Chinguacousy Golf and Country Club last Thursday night. Mr. McLaughlin made public his ideas for the future of the two counties in which Georgetown plays a large part. The Metropolitan Halton Development Company recently purchased almost all of the Georgetown holdings of the Delrex Development Co. Below, Mr. Anestie of the Metropolitan Halton firm's new Georgetown office discusses Georgetown's role with Donald Fraser, Mr. McLaughlin's law partner as they inspect a map of rapidly developing area on which Georgetown's location is identified with a huge hinge pin.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Black and their one son were out when the fire occurred. The alarm was turned in by a neighbour who noticed smoke at about 4.45 p.m.

Firemen had to don air packs to get at the flames through the dense smoke and intense heat which had built up in the house.

The remains of the chesterfield dropped partially through the large hole in the floor.

The Blacks are staying with friends while the damage is being repaired.

Cst. Fields, who comes here from Deseronto, replaces Cst. George Martin who left the force last month.

Cpl. Ted Scott, who has been lost to the force for several months because of an illness, is also back on duty.

The first world exhibition was held in 1851 in London.

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Friday, Brantford took it on the chin 6 to 3 after leading 3-1 at one point. Paul Robinson scored a couple, and Ron Lane, Russ Hartley, Doug Selby and Dwyer netted the others for the winners.

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ORANGEVILLE LAST HURDLE

Raiders Reach for Championship Get Their Chance Here Sunday

The pressure will be riding squarely between the shoulder blades of the Georgetown Junior C Raiders Sunday when they take the ice in a game that will mean the OHA Central League championship if they win it.

Raiders meet Orangeville here in the final game of the schedule with a one point edge on second place New Hamburg. If they can triumph in this one, Raiders will be home free with a league crown after just two seasons in the twelve-team loop.

Just to make it interesting, Orangeville will have their head on the block since a play-off berth for them will be riding on the game.

Up until two weeks ago it was a three way race for the top with Georgetown, Milton and New Hamburg jockeying for the lead. But two Milton set backs since then have dropped them out of competition. They lost 7-2 to a fired up Raider club Feb. 4 and then dropped a 3-2 decision to Simcoe Blades last Sunday.

Georgetown Raiders will go in to their last battle of the war with an impressive record. They have won 26 and tied 1 while losing just 4, for a point total of 53.

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A LOOK AT THE WEATHER

Feb.	High	Low
8: Tues.	30	8
9: Wed.	46	24
10: Thurs.	46	27
11: Fri.	41	32
12: Sat.	38	24
13: Sun.	35	23
14: Mon.	31	23
15: Tues.	33	18

High for the week 46, low 8. Precipitation: 1.63" snow

—Alfida F. C. Scott